



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Durette et al	
Serial No.:	09/086,327	Case No.: 19965Y
Filed:	May 28, 1998	
For:	Heterocyclic Amide Compounds as Cell Adhesion Inhibitors	

Art Unit:1653

Examiner:Lukton

Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

The instant application was finally rejected in an office action mailed on December 31, 2003 for which the period for response, having been extended by two months, now expires May 31, 2004. In response to the final rejection a Request for Continuing Examination is being submitted concurrently with the present amendment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

By Muller MERCK & CO., INC. Date 5/11/04